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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: AMCIT CHARLES DEAN

REF: VIENTIANE 0026, 0060

1. MR. AND MRS. HOWARD DEAN PLAN TO VISIT DEPT 17 JANUARY FOR BRIEFING BY DESK AND D/PW. FYI DEAN IS CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF SEEKING MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY AND HAS SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF SECRETARY SENDING PERSONAL MESSAGE TO PHOUMI VONGVICHIT ABOUT CHARLES. END FYI

2. WE WILL OF COURSE BE COMPLETELY FORTHCOMING WITH THE DEANS, WHO HAVE BEEN FULLY COOPERATIVE AND UNDERSTANDING IN THIS DIFFICULT SITUATION. THEY AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS ON USEFULNESS AND TIMING OF POSSIBLE MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY, AND WHETHER SIMILAR MESSAGE TO SOUVANNA PHOUMA WOULD BE USEFUL. BEFORE GIVING CONSIDERATION TO SUCH ACTION, WE WISH TO CONCENTRATE OUR EFFORTS HERE WITH WHAT YOU ARE DOING IN VIENTIANE.

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3. HOWARD DEAN HAS ALSO SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF ASKING

MRS. VAL PETERSON, WHO DEAN SAYS BROUGHT CORROBORATIVE
REPORT ON SON'S DETENTION TO MISSION, TO ACCOMPANY EMBASSY
OFFICER TO MEETING WITH LPF REPRESENTATIVE, TO FURTHER
ESTABLISH OUR KNOWLEDGE THAT LPF HOLDS CHARLES. HE AND WE

APPRECIATE MISSION'S CONTINUING ACTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT
AND WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS SUGGESTION AS
WELL. KISSINGER

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